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SUBJECT: KISSINGER-VANCE-HUANG LUNCHEON MEETING JANAURY 8

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1. MOST SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT OF 75 MINUTE LUNCHEON
CONVERSATION WAS SECRETARY-DESIGNATE VANCE'S CONFIRMATION
OF PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT (REFTEL A) THAT CARTER
ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE GUIDED BY SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. MR.
VANCE ALSO EXPRESSED PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER'S BEST WISHES
TO CHAIRMAN HUA. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF GLOBAL ISSUES,
MR. VANCE ALSO STRONGLY AFFIRMED THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRA-
TION WOULD HAVE AS A "CARDINAL PRINCIPLE" THE
STRENGTHENING OF NATO AND OF THE POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP

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BETWEEN THE U.S. AND WESTERN EUROPE. UNDER SECRETARY
HABIB, S/P DIRECTOR LORD, PRCLC COUNSELOR TSIEH TA-YUNG
AND INTERPRETER HSU SHANG-WEI ALSO ATTENDED. FOLLOWING
ARE EXTRACTS OF MOST SIGNIFICANT EXCHANGES ON BILATERAL
MATTERS.

2. SECRETARY KISSINGER: "WITH RESPECT TO THE TAIWAN

ISSUE, WE HAVE CONFIRMED OUR COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF ONE CHINA, AND WE HAVE ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS MADE

CLEAR THAT WE WOULD NOT SUPPORT A TWO-CHINA POLICY OR A ONE CHINA-TAIWAN POLICY, OR THE VARIOUS FORMULATIONS THAT THE AMBASSADOR CORRECTLY MENTIONED. WE HAVE NOT FOUND ... THE EXACT FORMULA ... TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS BUT WE HAVE ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD THAT IT'S A PROCESS THAT NEEDED TO BE COMPLETED.

AMBASSADOR HUANG: "REGARDING THIS ISSUE OUR POSITION IS VERY CLEAR. WE MENTIONED THREE POINTS--SEVER THE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIWAN, WITHDRAW US TROOPS FROM TAIWAN, AND ABROGATE THE TREATY. SINCE DR. KISSINGER AND MR. VANCE ARE BOTH OLD FRIENDS, AND SINCE MR. VANCE ALSO VISITED CHINA THE YEAR BEFORE, SO TODAY I WOULD JUST LIKE TO FRANKLY MENTION ONE POINT. RECENTLY WE NOTICED THAT IN THE RECENT ISSUE OF TIME MAGAZINE WHICH CARRIED MR. CARTER'S CONVERSATION WITH THAT MAGAZINE, IN HIS CONVERSATION HE OPENLY CALLED TAIWAN "CHINA" AND EVEN IN THE SAME BREATH PUT TAIWAN ON A PAR WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. AND WE THINK THIS KIND OF REMARK RUNS COUNTER TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE."

MR. VANCE: "AS FAR AS PRESIDENT CARTER IS CONCERNED, LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT HE STANDS FIRMLY BEHIND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AS THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE WHICH SHOULD GOVERN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS."

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AMBASSADOR HUANG: "FRANKLY SPEAKING, THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE CONSTITUTES THE FOUNDATION OF THE PRESENT SINO-US RELATIONSHIP AND ONLY IF BOTH SIDES STRICTLY OBSERVE ALL THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, THEN RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES CAN CONTINUE TO BE IMPROVED. ANY ACTION WHICH GOES BACK ON THE PRINCIPLES OF THE COMMUNIQUE WILL RESULT IN HARMING THE SINO-US RELATIONSHIP."

MR. VANCE: "LET ME SAY THAT I FULLY ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLE OF ONE CHINA."

3. MR. VANCE: "COULD I SAY THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ASKED ME TO CONVEY HIS GOOD WISHES TO CHAIRMAN HUA AND TO EMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT WE CONSIDER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE THE CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE US AND THE PRC."

AMBASSADOR HUANG: "I WILL CONVEY HIS KIND REGARDS TO
CHAIRMAN HUA, AND ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO CONVEY
TO MR. CARTER OUR BEST REGARDS."

4. FULL MEMCON BEING POUCHED.

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